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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
JOHN ZAJAC ET AL. )  
Serial No. 09/886,580 )  
Filed: June 21, 2001 )  
For: ETCHING APPARATUS AND )  
PROCES WITH THICKNESS )  
AND UNIFORMITY CONTROL )  
June 28, 2004 )

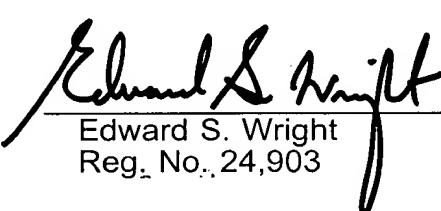
STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir:

Applicant hereby inquires as to the status of this application. A notice of abandonment was mailed to the applicant's attorney December 12, 2003. A request for withdrawal of the notice of abandonment was faxed to the Patent Office February 2, 2004 indicating that a timely response to a non-final action mailed June 4, 2003 was filed by mail December 4, 2003, and received in the Patent Office Mail Room on December 8, 2003. Applicant has not heard anything further from the Office since that time.

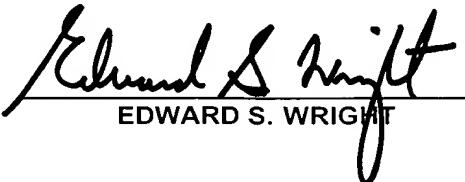
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